



Stoke Mandeville Parish Council



Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th April 2019

At the Community Centre, Eskdale Road, Stoke Mandeville, @ 7.00pm

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Present: Cllrs J Hunt (Chair), R Butler, A Clark, B Ezra, K Gomm, S Kirve, S Pluckwell, M Rogers, G Watts and P Wood.

Public Attendance: 8 members of the public.

Clerk: A Skeggs

Support Officer: A-M Davies

The Chair welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

No.	Description
1	APOLOGIES – There were no apologies apart from County and District Councillors S Bowles and S Chappell.
2	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the meeting held on 17 th April 2018 were AGREED and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
3	ANNUAL REPORT 2018/2019 The Chairman highlighted the growing workload for the Council. She emphasised that 2019 elections had been deferred and now would take place in May 2020. Whilst current Councillors could stand for re-election it was hoped that new people would come forward and so urged anyone interested to contact the clerk. The Chairman concluded the Report by thanking fellow councillors, the Stoke Mandeville Community Association and Stoke Mandeville and Other Parishes Charity for their support and to District and County councillors who attended monthly meetings. The Annual Report was adopted. The Chairman of the Council Committees reported on the work that these committees had undertaken during the year. This included new signage to the playing fields, new noticeboards around the parish, a defibrillator at the Hawkslade community centre, plot markers for the allotments and the creation of a Parish Council office at the community centre. It was proposed and seconded that the Annual Report be adopted.
4	STOKE MANDEVILLE AND OTHER PARISHES CHARITY The chairman of the Stoke Mandeville and Other Parishes charity gave a report, informing the meeting that it had been going for 25 years. It was noted that a number of grants had been awarded to the benefit of a large number of parishioners. Examples being lifeline alarms for the elderly and vulnerable, senior railcards and a family day out in the summer. Several clubs and organisations had been supported in addition to the School and the Parish Council for non-statutory items. The printing and the distribution of the Parish Magazine was, also, funded by the Charity.
5	OPEN FORUM A question was raised requesting that place names and name badges should be issued to the councillors so that members of the public knew who they were when they are speaking. This would be looked into. The Aylesbury Vale User Transport Group commented that Bucks CC had informed them that the 300 bus service to High Wycombe would not be stopped once HS2 had been completed. There were no further questions.



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6	<p>PRESENTATION LED BY THE HS2 SENIOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AND COLLEAGUES ON THE PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR STOKE MANDEVILLE.</p> <p>Andrew Harris – Archaeologist from Fusion, gave a rundown of what was going to happen over the next couple of months. There were three main things, Ecological Surveys, Archaeological work and looking for a site for the reburials.</p> <p>Fusion had made use of drone technology to survey the site. Thousands of photos were taken and then combined to produce one photo giving very accurate results.</p> <p>He then spoke about the Jackson family.</p> <p>There was a need to develop a project plan with Bucks CC and Historic England. The plan would include open days and public participation days.</p> <p>There would be a new access point off of the Risborough Road.</p> <p>The Archbishops Council would oversee the process of exhumation and there was a requirement for the whole area to be covered.</p> <p>The church will be deconstructed and by the end of the summer it was hoped that roadworks and the tent construction would be completed. Exhumation would start in Spring 2020 and last for six to nine months. The church will be removed, which gives an opportunity for the materials to be used in the reburial memorial. The cost of work would be funded by HS2.</p> <p>No gravestones had been broken during the clearance process with all human remains being reburied, preferably in Stoke Mandeville. An area 20m square was required for the memorial / monument but this was not needed until 2021.</p>
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The meeting finished at 8.10 pm.

Signed:.....Chair

Date: April 2020